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Minutes of the Executive Meeting

Hosted by the H&W Welders F.S.C., Belfast, on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Following the summer break, the Federation Executive Committee met in Harland & Wolff Welders FSC at 11am on 4th September 2019.

The Chairman, John Davidson, opened the meeting, following which he requested that the Secretary, Harry Beckinsale, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly passed as a true record by Gerry Gallagher and Joe Patterson.

A list of enquiries received via the helplines was read out, with the Chairman providing an overview on the majority of the issues raised.

Human resources remains a bone of contention for many clubs, which resulted in an in-depth discussion on the matter. The status of a member taking an employment role is often raised, with advice being given that membership should be suspended during the period of employment.

It was suggested that the Secretary seek advisory editorial from the Labour Relations Agency, to address the issue in the interest of our members.

Another query which is often raised, is the age at which a

young person can work in the bar area. A young person can be engaged during his/her last year at school.

A difficulty in finding people prepared to stand for office remains an issue for many. Unfortunately, taking office in a club is time consuming, apart from the responsibility attached.

Another issue surrounded the admission to a registered club, with entry being at the behest of the management committee.

Rating was tabled for discussion, which of course impacts on other matters, such as Sky TV tariffs. However, in respect to the latter, golf clubs often enquire about the specific tariff the Federation secured, which is set against the rating of the social area, which does not apply in the case of golf clubs as they have had a specific package for some years now.

The said package for golf clubs allows for the obvious higher rating attached to substantial size golf courses, reflecting only a small increase in the tariff we have agreed.

It appears that a number of member clubs, which continue

to renew their membership by cheque, remain outstanding. Obviously, with committee changes it is understandable that things can be overlooked by incoming officers. Therefore it was suggested that we promote the use of a standing order for renewals. The major number of members do indeed renew in this way, which remains under the control of the club, and which can be cancelled at any time, unlike a direct debit.

It was suggested by North West Executive Committee member, Gerry Gallagher, that we seek parity with other leisure sector

members in being invited to various sporting events.

A comprehensive financial report was provided by the Treasurer, David Larmour, which was subsequently passed as a true record of the Federation's affairs by Joe Patterson and Jim Wilson.

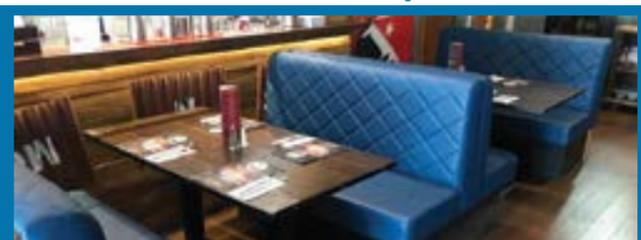
This concluded the agenda, at which point appreciation was afforded to the Federation Chairman, John Davidson, for hosting today's meeting.

*Harry Beckinsale
Secretary,
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Motion Picture Licencing Company

MPLC licence - challenged by the Federation

With a large number of calls to the Federation Helplines in relation to MPLC licencing continuing, it is clear that problems still exist regarding this matter. The following editorial featured in a previous edition of Club Review, but we feel it will be a great benefit to those clubs, and others, who continue to be affected.

Clubs do not need an MPLC licence to show channels such as rolling news, sports, or music channels. Therefore, for most clubs, the only license that is required is a Television Licence. In our experience, it is rare that a club would need to obtain the aforementioned licence as most clubs do not screen films

or drama series inside the club. We have, however, received information that the MPLC is sending clubs letters, stating the following information: 'If you have a TV and television programmes and/or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.'

This implies that clubs require a MPLC licence for any television programme which is shown in the club, which is not correct; programmes such as BBC News or Sky Sports Premier League games, do not require a MPLC licence. This matter has been raised directly with the MPLC

by one of our associated club bodies on the mainland and they replied as follows:

The MPLC Licence does apply to films and television programmes. So, if you show films or TV shows in your club then a licence is required. This also applies to any televisions in staff areas, break-rooms etc.

The MPLC licence fee does not apply if the television only shows sport (for example Sky or BT Sport) or rolling news (such as BBC News Channel, Sky News). To prevent liability for the fee you must have a mechanism in place to ensure that if you are only showing live sport or news only, no films or TV programmes are inadvertently shown to the public. An example would be

live broadcast of football or tennis on terrestrial TV, the broadcast ending and the television showing a TV programme or film after the sport. A procedure must be in place to ensure the TV is switched off after the live sport content has ended.

As with Sky and BT, MPLC carry out checks that clubs, pubs and bars are not showing their products illegally, so if you chose not to apply for an MPLC Licence then you need to ensure that you have evidence a robust procedure is in place so that the television only shows sport or news, which are not covered by this licence.

*Tyrone Samuel,
Licencing Manager*

We hoped that this acceptance that the information that the MPLC are providing is incorrect would limit further attempts to convince clubs that they require an MPLC licence when they do not legally require one. We were therefore disappointed to hear more reports of emails and phone calls being directed to clubs by the MPLC using hard sales tactics and not being open about when an MPLC licence is required and when it is not required. An example of such an email from the MPLC to a club is below:

Subject: MPLC Copyright Licencing - Public Performance of Copyrighted Material within your business

We have now sent you three requests for a response. Whilst we trust nothing other than the urgency of other business has prevented a response, there is still an obligation and legal requirement to ensure our members rights are observed. As such, I do now need to press you for a response regarding a licence application.

MPLC and its studio licensors await your response.

*Kind regards,
Jennifer Gane,
Licencing Representative*

To clarify, clubs are **not** required to respond to the MPLC. Clubs only need to communicate with the MPLC if

they consider that they require an MPLC Licence. We were disappointed that the MPLC would place such pressure on a club to reply when there is no requirement for a club to enter into a dialogue with the MPLC. This concern was raised directly with the MPLC:

*Dear Mr Samuel,
I am very disappointed to have to write to you once again but we consider your email, received by one of our Member Clubs, to be completely disgraceful. In our previous conversation you objected to the use of the word "harassment" but I really see no other choice than to classify these continual threatening messages to our Member Clubs as "harassment".*

Our Member Clubs have no legal obligation to respond to you or to enter into a dialogue with you. If our Member Clubs choose not to correspond with you and not to purchase a MPLC licence, then this is their right. If you consider that they are violating your copyright then you can pursue them through the proper legal routes. You will, of course, have to show evidence of such a breach of copyright to be successful and I do not believe you have any such evidence against any one of our Member Clubs. The apparent lack of any such evidence of any copyright infringement by any of our Member Clubs makes your continued correspondence with them all the more concerning. In our previous conversation you

accepted that the correspondence you are sending our Member Clubs is factually inaccurate. Your correspondence, attached, states 'If you have a TV, and television programmes and/or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.' As you accept in your reply to my email, also attached, sports programmes and news programmes can be lawfully shown without an MPLC licence. This is not what your correspondence with our Member Clubs states. After you were made aware of this factually inaccurate statement I am not aware that you have taken any steps to inform clubs of the correct information.

Once again, I ask your organisation to cease and desist all further correspondence with our Member Clubs. You have already written to them informing them, albeit in a misleading manner, of the MPLC licence and no further action is required to be taken by your organisation, least of all emails such as the one below and follow up phone calls which we have been informed are also taking place.

We will now be raising your actions with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, CORCA (The Committee of Registered Clubs Associations), The All Party Parliamentary Clubs Group, and other interested parties. Since you have also mentioned that MPLC's

studio licensors are awaiting a reply we will be contacting them directly regarding the actions you are taking.

Please now refrain from entering into any further correspondence with our Member Clubs.

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Littlewood
Assistant Chief Executive*

*The MPLC replied as follows:
Dear Mr Littlewood
Thank you for your email 14 August 2018.*

Following the changes in legislation in June 2016, MPLC made every effort over several months, to ensure the law change and cost implications were handled in a very sensible and reasonable manner, so we read the tone and content of your email with some disappointment.

The law change came into place in June 2016, but MPLC placed all of our approaches to the pubs, clubs, hotels and hospitality sector in general on hold until we had the opportunity to meet with as many associations as possible, including the BBPA, ALMR, BHA and BII. You will also find many articles in the trade press in the last 2 years to ensure as many groups as possible were aware of the law change and properly informed. We are sorry we did not have the opportunity to meet with your association, but would be pleased to meet and further discuss

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these important changes in the law and the impact they will have on your members.

In the meantime I would advise that the demands outlined in your email are unreasonable and unnecessary. We also again do not accept your claims of harassment. The copyright owner has every right to protect its intellectual property and MPLC are obligated to ensure our studio partners rights are protected. There were some significant changes to UK copyright law that will have an impact on your members with some offering opportunity to view broadcast television within areas such as bars and lounges. It was therefore both reasonable and important these changes in the law and the impact were communicated to your members. We would add that until our approach, your members appeared totally unaware of this law change 2 years ago and its legal implications.

In addition to our letter, the licensing team then make 3 attempts to make contact and ensure all have received the information and are fully aware of the law change and licence now required, where necessary. This is standard practice, not harassment. As with other licensing organisations, your members can make the choice to ignore our attempts to communicate with them, but it would be difficult to understand why and appear counter-productive in only prolonging a process that could be quickly resolved. In your email, you appear to be suggesting that only one letter should be sufficient and without a response then referred straight for legal action, where necessary. This is not a course of action MPLC or another licensing organisations would chose to take. We protect the rights of our licensors and take all reasonable steps to ensure those playing copyright film and television programmes from our studio partners in public are made

aware of the need for a licence. They will then have full knowledge of the law together with a cost effective means of licensing.

We hope this has helped answer the concerns raised and do apologise if we have made any incorrect assumptions in our dealings to date with your members. MPLC hope we can build some bridges to create a positive working relationship with the Conservative Association and its members.

Kind regards
Tyrone Samuel
Licensing Manager

Since we considered that the MPLC had not accepted the seriousness of the situation, we again replied and pressed the points on why they were targeting clubs in such a heavy handed manner, why they were insisting that Clubs respond to them and what they had done about the originally misleading

information they had sent to Clubs. Our response is below:

Dear Mr Samuel,
Thank you for your email. We are disappointed that you have not responded to several of the points raised.

We are very concerned that you have sent incorrect and misleading information to our Member Clubs. I remind you again of the statement which you have sent: 'If you have a TV and television programmes and/ or films are shown within your business, then please now make the necessary licence application to MPLC. To further clarify, the MPLC licence is required in addition to the TV Licence.'

This statement is untrue and you have accepted that there are a great number of television programmes which do not require an MPLC licence, notably Sports and News programming. To our knowledge, you have not informed

Clubs that you have previously provided them with misleading information (despite continuing to send unsolicited communications), nor have you provided details of how Clubs, which may have entered into a financial relationship with MPLC as a result of misleading statements, could obtain a refund. Do you intend to inform Clubs that you did make an untrue and misleading statement and do you intend to offer Clubs a full refund if they purchased a MPLC licence as a result of this statement?

We trust you fully appreciate the seriousness of this issue and that you understand that making untrue statements in order to obtain a financial benefit is unlawful.

You seek to class your actions as legitimate attempts to communicate the change of law to our Members, however, none of your correspondence is straightforward and none of it provides a clear overview of when a Club might require an MPLC licence, or importantly, when a Club would not require an MPLC licence. From discussions with our Club Officers it would appear that MPLC has sought to complicate and cloud the issue when discussing this topic with our Members. The vast majority of Private Members' Clubs only use their televisions to show sport and news programming, which does not require an MPLC licence, yet MPLC has not made this clear. We consider that MPLC's correspondence with our Member Clubs has been entered into in bad faith and that it is designed to extract as many licence applications as possible irrespective of whether the Club making the licence application actually requires one.

Finally, in addition to the misleading information you are providing, we are once again concerned at the level of correspondence you are directing at our Member Clubs. Given that you stated in your email that there have been "many articles in the trade

press in the last 2 years", and that you have now used letters, emails and phone calls to communicate with our Member Clubs, I think we are entitled to question when this campaign is scheduled to come to an end. We are also unsure why MPLC requires a response from Clubs when undertaking this information campaign. If a Club has not responded then surely this lack of response is as a result of the Club having concluded that they do not require an MPLC licence.

We remind you of MPLCs own words: 'I do now need to press you for a response regarding a licence application'. If your objective is to communicate the change of law to our Members, why do you need to press for a response regarding a licence application? You have not provided any evidence that any of our Clubs have infringed the copyright you represent but your continual correspondence and tone of this correspondence indicates that you believe that they are doing so. We will await to hear from you regarding the steps you are taking to inform Clubs of your previous misleading statements, together with the process for Clubs to obtain a full refund in the event that they have incorrectly paid for a licence.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Littlewood
Assistant Chief Executive

As of the 30th August a response has not been received to this email. We understand that MPLC use letters, phone calls and emails to contact clubs and we can confirm that clubs are not obliged to enter into correspondence with the MPLC unless you consider that you are required to purchase an MPLC licence. If any Club is concerned about any contact that they have had from the MPLC please contact us. We will continue to update Clubs on the activities of the MPLC through the Club Review.

Further MPLC news from CORCA



Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE, Joint Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Clubs and the Chief Executive of the Association of Conservative Clubs.

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) at Westminster, included a discussion on the MPLC License on the agenda.

Letters received by some clubs from the Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) stating that they may need to purchase a licence, if they broadcast anything other than sport, music or news on televisions in their clubs, was discussed.

It was agreed that the vast majority of Members' Clubs would have no need to purchase the licence and that

a letter would be sent from the Clubs APPG to the MPLC to make them aware of any concerns held by the Clubs APPG's stakeholders.

Update received Friday 20th September 2019
A conversation with CORCA, week ending Friday 20th September 2019, confirmed that registered clubs do not require an MPLC licence to show news, music or sport.

Although we are taking our lead from CORCA and the APPG at Westminster, the Federation Chairman, John Davidson, feels it appropriate to engage with the Federation's legal representative to strengthen our viewpoint.

Reports from member clubs, which have increased significantly in recent weeks, indicate that the calls received from MPLC are heavy-handed, which is unacceptable.

Member clubs should advise callers from MPLC that this matter has been referred to our legal team, and to the All Party Parliamentary Group.

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Physiology of the heart

An adult heart beats 60 to 100 beats per minute. This is called 'normal sinus rhythm'. This very regular pattern feeds oxygen-rich blood to the entire body and is managed by the sinoatrial (SA) node and the atrioventricular (AV) node. Electrical impulses leave the SA node and travel to the AV node. In concert, these nodes maintain 'normal sinus rhythm'. Similar to the wiring in your home, there can be a short

circuit. When this happens, there is an abrupt loss of heart function - sudden cardiac arrest. Instead of pumping regularly, the heart quivers uncontrollably and blood is not circulated. This is called ventricular fibrillation.

Death follows, unless emergency treatment is provided quickly. The only definitive way to return the heart to its regular normal sinus rhythm is by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and applying an electrical shock from an AED.

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There are risk factors that can increase the chances of SCA such as: a previous heart attack, coronary artery disease, family history of SCA, congenital heart defect, obesity and diabetes.

However, 50% of people who experience an SCA report no prior symptoms of heart disease.

Asbestos - A duty to manage

Club Committees have a general duty to protect any person, staff or member of the public, from exposure to asbestos. It's important that you understand the risks and how to manage them.

What exactly is asbestos?

Asbestos, contrary to popular belief, isn't one single harmful material. The term itself covers a number of fibrous materials that can cause serious health problems.

To be dangerous, the fibres have to a) be disturbed and b) be inhaled. But if these things happen, the results can be fatal. The airborne fibres become lodged in the lungs and digestive system, causing complications and diseases like lung cancer.

Figures show that around 4,500 people die per year from breathing in fibrous materials, making it the biggest single cause of work-related deaths in the UK.

Where do you find asbestos?

Asbestos could be found anywhere in buildings built before the turn of the millennium. Common locations within clubs and bars include:

- Loose fill insulation
- Toilet seat and cistern
- Vinyl floor tiles
- Textiles such as fire blankets
- AIB ceiling tiles.

Asbestos was in many of the common materials used in the building trade before its harmful nature was discovered, so there is a possibility it could be lurking anywhere in your club.

What is the law surrounding the management of Asbestos?

The control of Asbestos regulations 2012 require whoever is responsible for maintenance of your property to arrange a survey from a qualified company if they believe there may be ACMs (asbestos materials) in the building. If you haven't organised a survey and your building is more than 18 years old, we would advise that you arrange one as soon as you can.



Aside from the obvious health risks to you, your staff and your customers, there are heavy legal penalties for negligence.

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Q. We are trying to set up an online bank account but our bank is saying that we cannot have multiple signatories on the account. Is this correct? Do we need to have multiple signatories on a Club account?

A. Many Clubs use online banking without any problems. You may need to speak to other banks if your current bank is not willing to offer you this service.

It is not impossible to have a business account with more than one signatory. You would simply set a limit of what one signatory can approve, if a payment goes over this limit the second signatory would need to log in and approve the transaction.

There are some Clubs which operate online accounts on a one signature basis. If this is what is eventually decided to do by the Committee then it is not an inherent problem but we would recommend that the Committee carefully scrutinises the monthly accounts at every Committee Meeting and that also a secondary person has access to the accounts to verify that the statements provided are correct.

I think you may want to look at other banks to start with

since there is no reason from a technology perspective an account cannot be set up with two online signatures attached.

Q. Our Committee have recently had to invite a member to a disciplinary meeting after some poor behaviour. We are a small club and don't often have to officially deal with such problems, could you let us know how we should conduct a disciplinary procedure?

A. You cannot expel or suspend a member from the club without first inviting them to a Committee meeting. A suspension or permanent expulsion can only take place once a disciplinary meeting has been held. You can also only suspend a member for a maximum of twelve months. If the Committee are of the opinion that this individual's behaviour has either broken specific club rules/Bye-Laws or could be judged to be prejudicial to the club, then they can summon this member to appear before the Committee. The Committee should inform them of the allegations that have been made against them when asking them to attend the disciplinary meeting.

The Committee can also instruct this member to withdraw from the facilities of membership until he appears before the disciplinary meeting. It is normal that once the withdrawal takes place that a disciplinary meeting is held within two months and that at least seven days' notice of the meeting must be given to the member, in accordance with the club's rules. If this is how the Committee wishes to proceed you should write to the member and inform them that due to their conduct he has been requested to appear in front of

the Committee. You should also include the precise details of the complaint and alleged conduct which has forced the Committee to summon the member to them.

You should then hold the disciplinary meeting and, after reviewing any points this member has to make in their defence, the Committee should decide if their conduct requires a suspension of membership up to one year in length, permanent expulsion from the club or no action taken against them.

If you decide to withdraw the facilities of membership from the member until the Committee has heard the disciplinary meeting then this means that they will be unable to enter the club until the disciplinary meeting has been heard.

Q. What should the Club be doing to prevent customers from drink driving? Should employees actively prevent customers from driving if they think they have had too many drinks?

A. If a Member of your bar staff believes that a member intends to drive home, then I would suggest that they stop serving them prior to them reaching the legal limit for driving. Obviously, in the real world it is not always known if a Member intends to drive home, but from a theoretical question point of view, I would suggest that you do not serve anyone who is nearing the limit who you know will be driving home.

The Committee can also use the Club's disciplinary procedure to suspend or expel a Member who has been found guilty of drink driving.

I suggest that you actively promote the drink drive limit, and that when it is known that a person is intending to drive home, staff avoid serving them drinks which would place them over the limit. Alternatively, since I acknowledge that that policy requires some knowledge that the bar staff may not possess at the time a drinks order is made, you may wish to encourage your bar staff to offer to phone a taxi for a person who they believe to be intoxicated so that they do not drive themselves home.

Ultimately, persons who are intending to drive home should avoid drinking. There is a legal limit to which a person can drink and drive home legally but it is almost impossible to accurately calculate since it depends on a host of factors such as a person's weight, age, sex and metabolism along with the type of alcohol being drunk and what food has recently been consumed. It can therefore be easier and wiser to simply promote a policy of 'when driving, do not drink'.

If you have any questions you need answered for your club, then please send them to us at: info@nifederationofclubs.com



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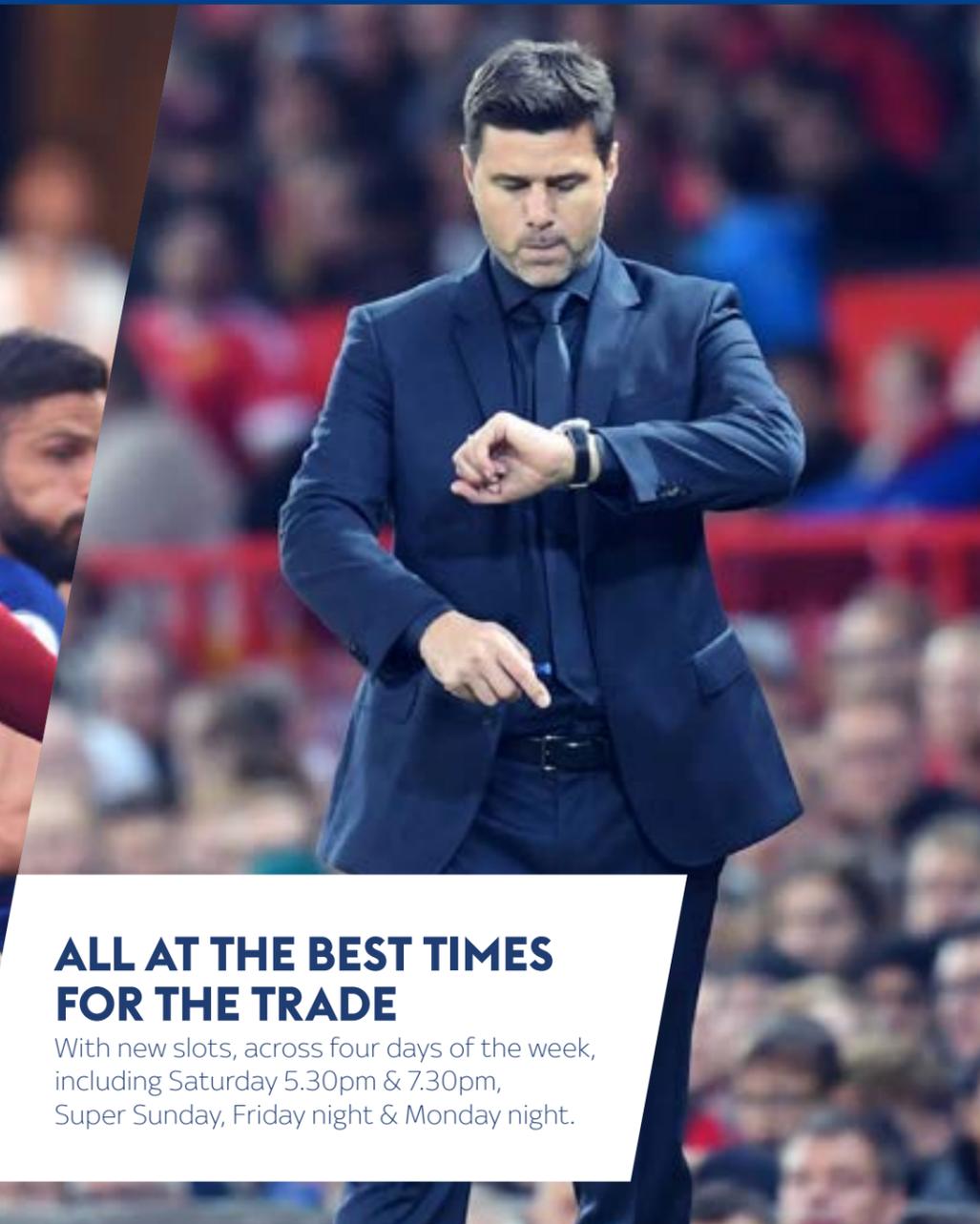
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Dave Glover

Showman and legend of the show band era'



Nigel Blair, Belfast 89FM.

up a residency in the Arcadia Ballroom, where he maintained an association for many years.

During a BBC interview, Dave admitted to adopting an idea from the Clipper Carlton, which featured a cabaret spot in the middle of his dance band routine, which would include a focus on members of the band.

Many top musicians, such as Gerry Rice, Trixie Hamilton, Jackie Flavelle, Joe Clarke, and George Jones, of Club Sound, are just some of those who graced the stage with Dave.

Following a period in London, Muriel Day, who had come to fame as the recording artiste of the theme from Billy Liar, returned home and joined Dave, becoming an instant hit.



Dave Glover and Muriel Day.

Dave and Muriel married in 1966, continuing to travel the dance band circuit, leading to Muriel being chosen to become Ireland's first female representative in the Eurovision Song Contest, singing "Wages of Love".

However, in 1968 the band was to break up, only for Dave to form a new band in 1969, being fronted by Muriel, leaving Dave additional time to manage and develop the band.

Success followed in Ireland, the UK and further afield. However, in 1971 Dave and Muriel were to part, which resulted in Muriel moving to Canada for many years.

Having returned, Muriel resumed her singing career, which continues to see the talented vocalist on stage to this day.

Dave continued to play with a newly formed jazz band, and on

occasions, when asked, would form a bigger band to play as the Dave Glover Show Band.

I have personal memories of playing with Dave at the former Conway Hotel, now sadly gone.

Dave continued playing into his 80's, sadly passing away at the age of 85 on 27th April 2009.

A wonderful, larger than life man, who enjoyed a wonderful career in music, and who in his day, was a trend-setter, remembered by adoring fans and musicians alike.

To this day, when I hear Cherry Pink & Apple Blossom White, my memory takes me back to a wonderful band leader and entertainer.

Thanks for the memories Dave.

Nigel Blair

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This October, Manchester United look to get back into the top of the table when they take on the seemingly unstoppable Liverpool; and last year's champions, Manchester City, will be in action against Crystal Palace.

The seventh and eighth matchdays of the Euro 2020 Qualifiers will also take place throughout October. Northern Ireland have topped their table so far - but can they hold on to make it through to the final stage?



Your members won't want to miss out on any of the action, and we have everything you need to promote each of the games, including a dedicated section

in The Training Ground on www.myskysports.com which includes top tips on how to make the most of the Qualifiers.

Formula 1 heads to Singapore for the next leg of the competition, before heading for Russia - a race only Lewis Hamilton has won more than once. At the start of October, the Grand Prix will be in Japan, where Hamilton has the chance to tie Michael Schumacher's record of six wins - all he needs to do is win for a third consecutive year.



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With a number of sporting events taking place over the next month, venues should make sure they've registered with www.myskysports.com to receive their regular emails to help promote and plan

ahead; order your free poster packs, and share upcoming fixtures on their social media channels, all with one click.



An exciting month of sport is ahead of us and these are the fixtures not to be missed;

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20th to 22nd September	F1 Singapore Grand Prix
22nd September	West Ham v Manchester United
22nd September	Chelsea v Liverpool
27th to 29th September	F1 Russian Grand Prix
29th September	Leicester v Newcastle
30th September	Manchester United v Arsenal

OCTOBER

6th to 12th October	World Grand Prix Darts
10th October	Euro Qualifier: Netherlands v N. Ireland
11th to 13th October	F1 Japanese Grand Prix
13th October	F1 Japanese Grand Prix
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19th October	Manchester City v Crystal Palace
20th October	Manchester United v Liverpool

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A bog full of laughs

If you've always wanted to take part in a Tough Mudder style challenge but feared it wasn't quite for you... then challenge yourself with the Bog Run! The Cancer Fund for Children don't care if you can't remember the last time you saw a gym - a great sense of humour is all they ask for!

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Your bog your pace

The Bog Run is not a race. It's a 5km designed to be daring but not intimidating and is open to people of all abilities.

You can go at your own pace and choose between three levels:

- Bog Runner - A fast pace for those who want to challenge themselves.

- Bog Jogger - A medium pace that will stretch the legs.
- Bog Trotter - A slow pace for those who want to have a laugh and roll around in some mud!

Everyone who takes part in the Bog Run, will be awarded a shiny Bog Run medal at the end

to say thanks for taking part! Each participant will also get a goody-bag with drink and snack on completion of the run.

Sign up today

You can enter this fantastic fun event by signing up on www.cancerfundforchildren.com, email fundraising@cancerfundforchildren.com

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Once registered, you will receive a fundraising pack to get you started and more information about the event!

This is a fantastic event - so sign-up and get stuck in!!

UGAAWA Monthly Merit Award winner

by Tony McGee

All-Ireland semi-final defeat by Kerry was a big disappointment to Tyrone but it is doubtful if anyone could lay the blame at the feet or hands of Cathal McShane as the Eoghan Ruadh clubman fought like a tiger to fight off the Kingdom.

Cathal's endeavours, as he foraged all over the attack in search of openings for himself and his attacking colleagues, was a big feature of the game and the seven points - four from play and three from frees which he earned himself - that he rifled over were noteworthy.

Cathal has been mighty close to winning our Quinn Building Products UGAAWA Monthly Merit Award on previous occasions and, hopefully, winning this time may be some consolation in losing out to Kerry last month.

"It was very nice, indeed, to get the call to tell me that I was the winner of the August Merit Award. It does take a little bit away from the disappointment of defeat," he agrees. "It is, of course, all down to hard work and we will just have to get going again and put in the hard work in preparation for next year's championship."

McShane was first noticed as a busy half-forward but is now revelling in the full-forward position. His switch to the edge of the square has produced his true potential. He liked the move.

"I love the full-forward position," he enthused. "I think, the move has worked well. I like roving around the attack and, I feel, the position suits me."



(l-r) UGAAWA Chairman, John Martin; winner, Cathal McShane; Tyrone Manager, Mickey Harte; and Quinn Building Products Sales & Marketing Director, Seamus McMahon. Picture by Jim Dunne.

It is now back to club affairs for McShane with a Tyrone Intermediate Championship quarter-final against Urney coming up next weekend as Eoghan Ruadhs also chase promotion.

"Those are the immediate aims now," he says, "before we get back to thinking about county affairs."

Cathal wins the August award ahead of Galway-based Down camogie star Naomh Mallon who was in superb scoring form last month, cracking home a total of 3-26 with the county - she rifled over 13 points in one league game - and 1-15 with Portaferry. Others who came into the reckoning, as well, were Eimear Smyth who starred with Fermanagh in the All-Ireland Junior semi-final win over London and Cora Courtney who was in fine form for Monaghan during the month.

Dublin make it 5 in a row

In the end, Dublin made it five in a row, running out worthy winners by 6 points.



Kerry threw everything they had at Dublin, but they soaked it all up, took their scores when the opportunities arose, and ground Kerry down until they could do no more. On the evidence of this victory, you'd be a brave man to bet against them making it 6 next year!

To give Kerry their dues, they played magnificently in a stunning game but the key moment came on 54 minutes. With Dublin 1-13 to 0-13 ahead. Kerry's Stephen O'Brien, raced past the Dublin cover and got close enough to see the whites of Stephen Cluxton's eyes. Reflecting on his run, in truth he got too close, carrying the ball too far,

and Cluxton was able to bat his shot away.

In reply, Paul Mannion kicked his fourth of the day and the game was ebbing away from Kerry. There really was very little between the sides but ultimately the Dubs were ruthless in their execution when presented with opportunities.

A great game by both sides but it's Dublin who have made history and I'm sure they'll be focused on making it 6 next year.

Linfield do the double



NIFWA Chairman, Keith Bailie, presents Linfield forward, Shayne Lavery, with NIFWA Player of the Month Award for August, in only his first month in the Premiership. On the evidence of his recent performances, he could be in the reckoning for more of them in the coming months.

Linfield forward, Shayne Lavery, has been named NIFWA Player of the Month for August.

The former Everton forward was the star of Linfield's incredible Europa League campaign, scoring a memorable solo goal against Qarabag at Windsor Park.

Lavery's incredible form earned him a call-up to Michael O'Neill's Northern Ireland squad for the games against Luxembourg and Germany.

Speaking from the Northern Ireland training camp, Lavery

said, "It's a fantastic honour to win this award in my first month in the Irish League. I'd like to thank the Football Writers' for picking me. "It's been a great few weeks for me. I really enjoyed playing for Linfield in Europe and I think we're now well prepared for the league season."

NIFWA selected Crusaders defender Chris Hegarty was named as runner-up, while Dungannon Swifts man Seanan Clucas was third.

Linfield manager David Healy is NIFWA Manager of the Month for August.

While Linfield played just two games in the league so far this season, the Blues made their mark in the Europa League.

In August, Linfield knocked-out both HB Torshavn and FK Sutjeska, before beating Qarabag 3-2 at Windsor Park.

Unfortunately, Healy's men lost the away leg 2-1 and missed out on a spot in the group stages due to the away goal rule.

Healy said, "It was an incredible journey. I thought my days of going to places like Azerbaijan and Montenegro

were over when I retired from international football, so to get the chance to manage there with my beloved Linfield was an incredible experience.

"We've got a lot of plaudits for success in Linfield, and I am grateful for this award, but know we have to refocus on the Irish League. There's no point doing well in Europe if you don't back it up in the domestic game."



NIFWA Chairman, Stuart McKinley, presents Linfield's David Healy with the Belleek trophy for August Manager of the Month.

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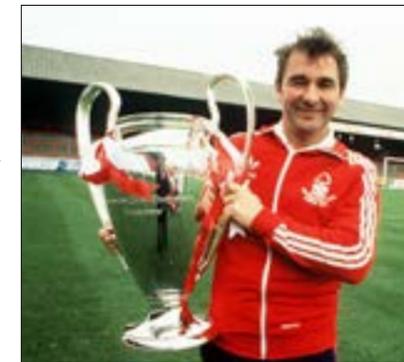
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Clough's miracle men

For Nottingham Forest to win the European Cup once was beyond supporters' wildest dreams. To retain the trophy the following year was pure fantasy. But so it turned out, as Brian Clough's team, who had stunned the rest of Europe in the 1978-79 by winning the glittering prize in Munich, went on another magical journey - this time to Madrid.



Brian Clough proudly holds the 1980 European Cup.

Although they went into the final as defending champions, neutral observers rated Forest as very much the underdogs against Hamburg. One of the main reasons for that was the absence of the injured Trevor Francis, who had made such a huge contribution in the quarter and semi finals.

With Stan Bowles walking out on the squad before the final, Francis's spot was up for grabs and it went to Mills, after Clough and Peter Taylor had second thoughts on an initial plan to play Burns in attack.

The absence of Francis meant that Forest played with only the ever-willing Birtles in an attacking role, inviting the Germans to build-up wave after wave of attacks at the start.

But in the 20th minute Forest plundered the goal that was to see them retain the trophy for a second year. This time the goalscoring glory went to Robertson, who picked up a ball in midfield, took a return ball from Birtles and squeezed a right foot shot wide of Hamburg keeper Rudi Kargus into the corner of the net.

The Germans were temporarily floored but they picked up the attacking tempo once more to question Forest's resolve but with Burns and Lloyd, whose place in the final had been in doubt because of injury, standing firm, Forest resisted everything Hamburg had to offer.

The sight of Keegan going deeper and deeper to try and ignite a response was further inspiration to a Forest side who refused to waver as they ran down the clock.

As Hamburg became devoid of ideas, Birtles might easily have added a second goal but one was enough and for a second successive year John McGovern was the proudest player in Europe as he lifted the magnificent trophy.

"No más" for Roberto Duran

Sugar Ray Leonard vs Roberto Durán II, also known as the No Más Fight, was the second of three bouts between the pair. It gained its name from the moment at the end of the eighth round when Durán turned away from Leonard towards the referee and quit by apparently saying, "No más" (Spanish for "No more").



Leonard taunts Duran on his way to a win by technical knock-out in the 8th round.

Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Durán had first fought on June 20, 1980, in Montreal. Leonard was defending the WBC Welterweight Championship for the second time. Durán was the WBC No. 1 welterweight contender. Leonard abandoned his usual slick boxing style and stood flat-footed with Durán. Durán won by unanimous decision, with scores of 148-147, 145-144, and 146-144.

The rematch took place November 25, 1980, at the Superdome in New Orleans. Leonard used his superior speed and movement to outbox and befuddle Durán. "The whole fight, I was moving, I was moving", Leonard said. "And Voom! I snapped his head back with a jab. Voom! I snapped it back again. He tried to get me against the ropes, I'd pivot, spin off and pow! Come under with a punch."

In round 7, Leonard started to taunt Durán. Late in the round, winding up his right hand, as if to throw a bolo punch, Leonard snapped out a left jab and caught Durán flush in the face. In the closing seconds of the eighth round, Durán turned his back to Leonard and quit, waving his glove and apparently saying to referee Octavio Meyran, "No más" ("No more" in Spanish). Leonard was the winner by a technical knockout (TKO) in round 8, regaining the WBC Welterweight Championship.

It happened in 1980...

Snooker - Canadian, Cliff Thorburn became the first, and still the only, player from the Americas to win the World Snooker Championship. He defeated Alex Higgins 18-16 in the final, held at the Crucible, Sheffield.

Tennis - Björn Borg defeated John McEnroe in a five set thriller, still considered by many as the greatest match ever played. This was Borg's fifth Wimbledon title in a row, and would turn out to be his last.



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